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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Applicant : George F. Kick et al.  
 App. No : 10/728,728  
 Filed : December 5, 2003  
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 Examiner : Sarah A. Simpson  
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 P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being made as follows:

1. Submission Required under 37 CFR 1.114:

- (X) Enclosed:  
 (X) Amendment/Reply in 14 pages.  
 (X) Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 Equivalent in 5 total pages (IDS and PTO/SB/08).

2. Fees:

The present application qualifies for Small Entity Status under 37 CFR 1.27.

FEE CALCULATION				
FEE TYPE		FEE CODE	CALCULATION	TOTAL
RCE Fee		2801 (\$405)		\$405
Total Claims	19 - 46 = 0	2202 (\$26)	0 x 26 =	\$0
Independent Claims	5 - 5 = 0	2201 (\$110)	0 x 110 =	\$0
			<b>TOTAL FEE DUE</b>	<b>\$405</b>

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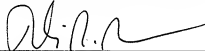
3. Payment:

(X) The amount of \$405 will be paid via EFS Web.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Dated: May 14, 2009

Respectfully submitted,  
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